

As technology has advanced, digital forms of communication have surpassed Morse code in its ability to communicate through interference and coexist with other signals. An example of this is Digital Radio Mondiale or DRM for short. DRM is a digital AM signal that can function in bandwidths as small as 4.5 kHz and retain the clarity of wide bandwidth FM transmissions. I believe it is no longer necessary to subject potential amateur radio operators to a requirement for an obsolete and outmoded form of communication. If the FCC chooses to retain some mode proficiency requirement in the licensing structure it should be some form of digital communications. We as radio pioneers need to embrace advances in the radio art and dispel our contentedness which relegates us to antique forms of communication. Such contentedness stifles innovations in radio technology. Removing the Morse code requirement is a step in the right direction for the future of radio.

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